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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the first, non-final Office Action mailed on December 22, 2008, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13, and 18-23 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Taneda, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0030791 A1, and Ono et al., U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0171900 A1.

2. Rejected Claim 4 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Taneda, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0030791 A1; and Ono et al., U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0171900 A1 as applied above, and further in view of Ooi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,118,564.

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3. Rejected Claims 11, 14-17, 24, and 25 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Taneda, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0030791 A1, and Ono et al., U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0171900 A1 as applied above, and further in view of Doi et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,340,114.

The following remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.